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Non-political mud slinging



Student Senate Chairperson Bryan Evans gets the upper hand in a mud wrestling match with fellow senator Heather Hurt. Senators Shandelle Wolfe (left), Mita Bhakta (back), Ann Roach (right) and Toby Thomson (kneeling) attempt to plant a tree the Senate purchased with money from the campus improvement fund.

Regents identify equivalent courses to ease student transfers

Transfer students who have had problems bringing all their credits to Southwestern may now breathe a little easier if they ever need to switch universities again.

The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education recently reviewed the content and skill level of more than

1,535 general education and business courses to try to equate some classes for easier transfer.

Southwestern advisers should receive a matrix of these equivalent courses soon, and an electronic guide could possibly be installed on the OneNet computer system. That decision hinges on funding for the project.

Areas analyzed include

business, English, history, humanities, physical science, political science, psychology, biology, fine arts, math and social science.

Faculty members from 25 Oklahoma public colleges, universities and technical branches identified the courses to the Regents. The review began in December of 1994.

Chancellor Hans Brisch said the main goal of this guide

is to let students get an education without a "disruption" in their academic careers.

"Establishing equivalent courses is a significant step toward achieving that goal," he said.

One factor that prompted this course review involved the number of students who transfer from two-year colleges to four-year institutions.

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View of the Staff

Everyone should make teacher ratings count

We don't want revenge or anything—just a little respect and our voices heard.

Have you filled out any of those teacher evaluations yet? Think it matters? Your guess is as good as ours.

We pay a lot of money to go here. We want our feelings to be taken into account on issues such as finances, staff employment and lesson styles.

As responsible adults, we're entitled to our own opinions. As educated individuals, we should express them fully and even strongly when necessary.

While this staff believes the evaluation forms are very important, we have seen no evidence

they are effective. We are told they're not completely "tallied" and ready for viewing until after our final semester grades are posted.

Regardless, neither the instructors nor their superiors are ever required to see them personally.

So we take five or 10 minutes of our class time (times each class), use a little pencil lead and thought, but receive very little in response or action.

Class time is considered valuable—shouldn't the evaluations be considered valuable too?

So next time you're asked to "fill-in-the-dots" and rate a teacher, take it seriously. Flip to the back of the sheet and add a few personal, handwritten comments about your instructor's performance.

Hopefully, the administration and staff will take it seriously, too.

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off the mark

by Mark Parisi

I FEEL SO COMFORTABLE WITH YOU, DEREK, THAT I THINK I'LL GO SLIP INTO A TEDDY...



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Reflections

By John Holthe

Well, it's countdown time! In one more month I will attain the title college graduate. I am excited and a little nervous.

I'm also going to be busy plagiarizing . . . er . . . writing term papers and book reports so I have to apologize to all the women with whom I cannot flirt. However, if any of you girls would like to be flirted with then you can leave your name and number at the journalism lab and I'll try to get to as many of you as possible.

Speaking of which, I'd like to say hi to the three girls I met at the snack bar

on the night of April 2. I also would like the campus police to arrest them because they have stolen my heart. I would like them to return my heart as soon as it is convenient because my physical fitness teacher needs to check my heart-rate.

I'm doing pretty well in that class. At the last class I was on the treadmill for 17 minutes without breathing hard. Then the teacher told me to quit standing on it and start running on it.

I think my arms are getting bigger. I don't have true biceps yet. I think what I have would be called monoceps because there's not enough cep to constitute twoness.

On the other hand, I have one cep on each arm so I guess I could have biceps. I actually have enough muscles now to give me muscle cramps.

I am currently taking applications for a female massager to massage the

pain away as long as they don't make fun of the size of my pe-ctorals.

People may not believe this but I actually like physical activities. I don't like to brag, but I won the City Championship Putt-Putt Tournament in Altus in 1987. I don't mention this fact often for two reasons.

One reason is that I'm humble. The other reason I don't mention it is that nobody gives a flip.

Before I sign off I would like to speak to the baseball coaches.

In the March 27 issue of the paper there is a story about the baseball team and the headline reads "Baseball team staying on their own home plate."

I don't want to tell the coaches how to coach, but I really think they ought to let the players run around the bases, because if they stay on home plate, how can we score points?

From the Underground

By Terry Larson

A few weeks ago I discovered that my radio could no longer receive National Public Radio (NPR), whose publicly-funded newscasts I had relied on.

A Christian family values type station, American Family Radio, began broadcasting on a nearby frequency and obstructed the weak NPR signal from Stillwater. I resigned myself that I would not be allowed easy access to intelligent news media, and I began listening to AM for news casts.

After listening to various news and commentary, I began to question what I've been told about "liberal" media.

The AM waves are graced with trustworthy commentators such as G. Gordon Liddy, Oliver North, Rush Limbaugh, David Horowitz and the "Black Hornet."

Liddy was convicted for his Watergate hotel break-in. North is a hero to many Americans and came close to winning a Senate seat in Virginia, despite the fact

that he lied to Congress about the U.S. selling weapons to Iran to bankroll covert military action in Nicaragua.

The Black Hornet is a rabidly conservative black who consistently ridicules his own race to the cheers and bravos of white racists.

All of these people commonly complain that liberal media dominate. I have found no evidence that the media are controlled by liberals. At the very best, only moderates have a voice to a large consumer group.

Most major news organizations are influenced by their large shareholders, such as Cola-Cola, Ford, GM, and AT&T. Even PBS broadcasts are largely funded by oil corporations. Large corporations are not interested in the political spectrum; they are concerned with profit.

So why all this ranting and raving about liberal media? It's not that the media is too liberal for Newt Gingrich

and his comrades (the Grinch last summer tried to eliminate Public Broadcasting for its 'liberalness'), but that it is not conservative enough.

The Republican party, to tighten its control of America, is actively waging a campaign against alternate viewpoints in the media marketplace. By limiting the scope and content of journalism and public access, manipulation of politics to Republican advantage becomes a reality. Republicans talk about a free marketplace for consumer goods, but they have a different idea about a free market of information.

After complaints from local NPR listeners and failed attempts by the local affiliate of AFR to correct its transmission, the FCC ordered it shut down. Jim Morrison, organizer of the local AFR station, said that the frequency (91.9) was assigned to him by the FCC and within a few months will be broadcasting again on a different frequency.

Morrison also said that the NPR signal from Stillwater was so weak he did not think anyone in Weatherford could receive it and was surprised by the complaints of local listeners.

Continuing education credits available

Congressman Lucas to conduct 'Aftershocks' seminar

U.S. Congressman Frank Lucas and two health officials will conduct a seminar reflecting upon the most tragic terrorist event on American soil.

The seminar called "Oklahoma City Bombing Aftershocks: Lessons We Have Learned," will be held Friday, April 12 at the Conference Center from noon until 5 p.m.

Lucas will be joined by Medi-flight of Oklahoma

Director Dennis Martin and Critical Incident Stress Management Network of Oklahoma/Co-Founder Cindy Alexander.

"Helping Healers Heal" is one of the two sessions. Alexander will speak for about two hours on giving support to the emergency medical service rescuers.

"The rescue workers saw so much horror, especially those who worked ground zero," said Mattie Tolley,

Southwestern nursing instructor.

Dennis Martin's "Ground Zero: Lessons We Have Learned" discusses tips Oklahomans can use in possible future disasters. The seminars are not only nationally recognized, but will appear soon in England.

The seminar is being sponsored by the Southwestern Division of Nursing and aided by the Catholic Charities of Oklahoma.

Continuing Education credits for registered nurses

and emergency medical services personnel are available.

Cost for the seminar is \$8 per student, \$12 regular admission. The fee also includes lunch.

Students should contact the Nursing Division at 774-3261 for registration forms or additional information.

Individuals who lost loved ones or participated in the rescue efforts will be recognized in a special ceremony entitled "Beyond the Call of Duty."

Senate plans end-of-term activities

By KIM LOVECCHIO/NEWS REPORTER

This semester's end is near and Student Senate has planned last minute activities.

Friday, April 12, Senate will sponsor a Spring Fling. This free mini-carnival will take place on the south lawn of the Student Union at 3 p.m. Free snacks will be served all day.

Highlights for the "fling" include a nine-hole miniature golf course, human gyroscope, a live DJ, and an outside showing of *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* around 8 p.m.

A dinner cookout will begin around 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 13, is Southwestern's first ever walk-a-thon to benefit Cystic Fibrosis.

The 10 kilometer walk will last from 9 a.m. to noon, and will begin on Milam Stadium's west side. Interested volunteers should contact Kristie Hiler at the Senate office.

Monday, April 15, Senate will start a two-day blood drive.

Students can sign up to donate by contacting Michael Allen at the Senate office, or by going to the Student Union Ballroom on Monday or Tuesday between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Four plead not guilty to drug charges

One Southwestern student and three former students have entered pleas of not guilty to drug charges filed in late February.

Bryan Wayne Bennett (24) and Lance Wayne Reimer (22), former Southwestern students, pleaded not guilty to still-pending felony charges. Hearings for Bennett and Reimer are set for April 15.

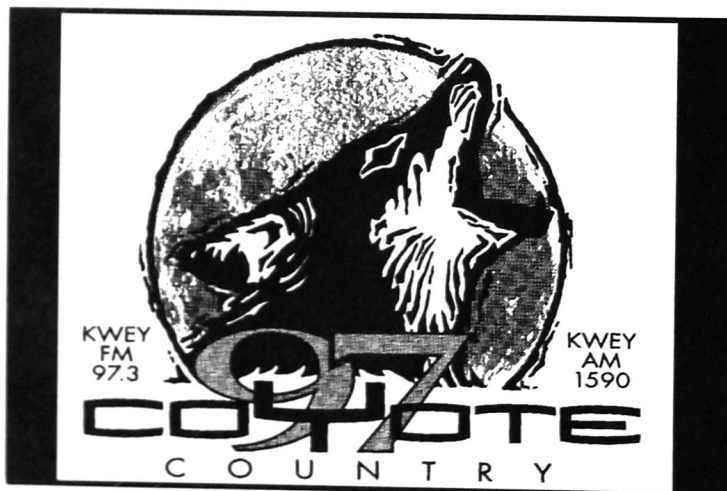
Current Southwestern student Jason Paul Brezina

(25) and former student Kari Lavelle Keenum (22) pleaded not guilty to misdemeanor charges.

They are set to appear in court April 22.

The four are charged with unlawful possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Bennett and Reimer are also charged with maintaining a place resorted to by users of controlled substances.



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Banquets to offer money, awards

By ANDREA HOFMAN/NEWS REPORTER

A multitude of scholarships and awards will be given to outstanding students at annual receptions and banquets this semester.

Students will be awarded scholarships based on academic ability, as well as their contributions to the campus and their community.

"It lets the organization reflect on

accomplishments from the past year and gives new members something to look forward to," said Anne Meek, president of the University Media Association.

The Student Union Ballroom and the Conference Center are just two of the sites students use for banquets.

According to Duncan Taylor, director of auxiliary services, at least 61 organizations have reserved the Ballroom to host their events.

Dinner Dates:

The following banquets will be held in the Student Union Ballroom:

School of Business—

April 25, 3 p.m.

Language Arts—

April 16, 7 p.m.

Biology Club—

April 23, time TBA

Pharmacy Awards—

April 26, 7 p.m.

Physics Club—

April 13, 7 p.m.

Conference Center:

Rho Chi—

April 27, 7 p.m.

Chemistry Club—

April 12, 7 p.m.

Speech/Theatre—

May 4, 6 p.m.

Editor's note: These were available at press time. Any organization that wishes to publicize its banquet may do so by calling 774-3065. It will then appear in the News in Brief section.

Non-traditional student club gets new name

By KIM BRITTON/NEWS REPORTER

The ATLAST club, Adults That Lend Adults Support Together, recently changed its name to the OWLS, which stands for Older Wiser Learning Students.

"We wanted a catchier name," said Bonnie Blakley, OWLS president.

The OWLS is geared toward non-traditional students of both sexes and their spouses.

"You don't have to be an old woman to join," Blakley said.

Blakley, a 43 year-old freshman, said the club will "act as a guide to whatever

problems may come up."

The club helps with advisement, enrollment and experience on where to go to take care of other problems.

The OWLS' next meeting will be April 18 at noon on the first floor of the Student Developmental Center.

The OWLS meet the first and third Thursday of every month and have one social gathering per month.

Blakley added that with a large number of non-traditional students attending summer school, the club will meet through the summer semester. However, the club now has relatively low

membership.

Blakley said she hopes with so many non-traditional students on campus the club membership will grow.

Kim Liebscher, counselor at the Student Development Center and faculty sponsor, explained that over 1,000 non-traditional students currently attend classes on campus.

Non-traditional students are 23 years of age or older.

Anyone interested in joining the organization should contact Liebscher at 774-3233, or Blakley at 772-7026.



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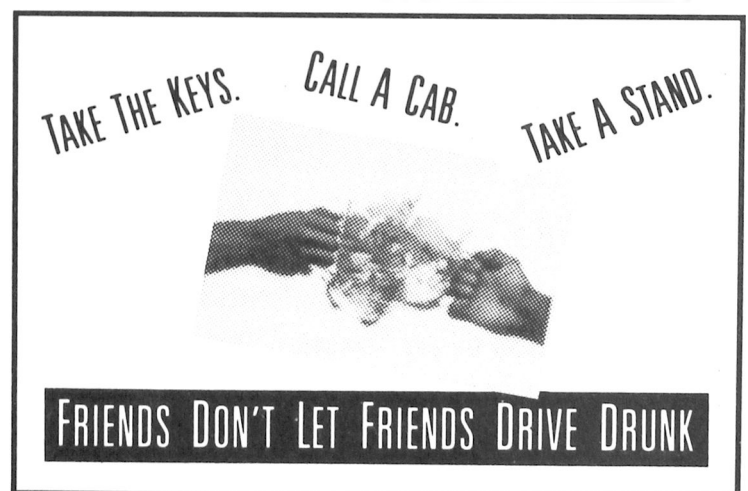
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News in Brief

UMA elects officers

The University Media Association recently elected officers for the 1996-97 school year. The new officers are Leslie Taylor, president; Jennifer Cagg, vice president; Stephanie Heidebrecht, secretary and Amber Graham, treasurer.

UMA is designed to help educate students in mass communications.

Members meet every other Wednesday at 5 p.m. in

SCI 117. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Poetry reading slated tonight in library

The English Club will sponsor a poetry reading tonight at 8 p.m. in the Al Harris Library auditorium.

Cole Rachel, junior English education major, and Dylan Butler, graduate student, will read a variety of works. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Delta Nu chapter captures first place at PBL state leadership conference

Awards were captured by members of the Delta Nu Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda professional business organization, as they competed in the Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference in Oklahoma City March 27 and 28.

The conference was the largest state conference in the history of Oklahoma PBL. Approximately 700

students attended.

Southwestern competed against 52 PBL chapters from across the state.

Delta Nu Chapter received first place as the Outstanding Local Chapter.

The Partnership with Business Project and Local Chapter Annual Business Report placed second and the American Enterprise Project placed third.

Weekend nursing program now accepting applications

The nursing department is now accepting applications for the next class of registered nurses with an associate degree or diploma seeking to complete a bachelor's degree through a weekend program.

"We believe the program is very accessible," said Dr. Pat Meyer, chairman of the division of nursing. "Classes are not held every weekend, but six to eight times per semester."

The program was started because registered nurses had expressed a desire to further their educational careers.

This weekend program, the only one of its kind in the state, allows nurses to complete the nursing requirements for a baccalaureate of science nursing degree in three semesters of weekends.

Classes are held on Friday afternoons/evenings and all day Saturdays. This schedule requires nurses to be away from their families and workplace only two days at a time.

In the past, the program has started during the fall semester, but starting this year it will begin during the summer session.

For additional information, students can call 774-3261.

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Southwestern's Corner on Scholarship

Associate Vice President's Message:

Students, faculty, staff and administrators who are involved in scholarly activities are encouraged to notify the Office of Sponsored Programs. The notification should include who, what, where and when the activity was achieved. Southwestern has long been an institution that provides excellent educational opportunities for students. The institution has learned, in part from the previous North Central Association visit, that it is essential to keep a good paper trail. To that end, a copy of the actual activity should also be submitted when possible.

Suggestions are encouraged on how the Office of Sponsored Programs can improve service while maintaining institutional compliance. Suggestions should be directed to OSP, ADM 212, ext. 7012/7013 or to the Graduate Office, ADM 205, ext. 3769. Your views of what needs to be improved, as well as what is going well, will enable the university to continue to move forward.

Students and Faculty in the news:

***Dennis Brewster**, social sciences major, ext. 3157, and **Philip Holley**, social sciences, ext. 3157, presented a paper at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Sociological Association in Houston, Texas. The paper was entitled: "Toward an Evaluation of Speak Outs in Oklahoma Prisons."

***Nancy Buddy**, accounting finance, ext. 3746, and **Harry Nowka**, business administration, ext. 3745, published an article in *Journal of Business and Entrepreneurship*. The article was entitled: "A Study of Student Selected Respondents."

***Rozilyn Miller**, language arts, ext. 3247, presented a paper at the 1996 Sooner Communication Conference in Norman. The paper was entitled: "Mary Anne Fitzpatrick: Marital Communication Scholar."

***Barry Gales**, pharmacy practice, ext. 3105, and **Mark Gales**, pharmacy practice, ext. 3105, published an article in *The Annals of Pharmacotherapy*. The article was entitled: "Death Associated with Inappropriate Ketorolac Dosing."

***John Woods**, mathematics, ext. 3748, presented a paper at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Central Regional Conference in Springfield, Mo. The paper was entitled: "Mathematical Explorations Using DERIVE."

Funding Opportunities:

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) provides support for the continual development of public information and community awareness activities that deal with the prevention of family violence. The amount of the award covaries with the nature and scope of the proposed project. The application deadline is May 17.

National Science Foundation (NSF) provides support for projects designed to bring about a smooth transition from one educational level to another for women and girls who are interested in science and mathematics. The amount of the award is \$300K. The preliminary proposal is due May 15, and the formal proposal is due Sept. 1.

Bulldog Bucks



More scholarships for the '96-'97 school year!

Youth Activity Grant Fund

Deadline: April 30

Major: Natural Sciences

Value: None specified

For more information contact:

Explorers Club

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Headed for Miss Black Oklahoma

Miss Black Southwestern discovers dre

By ROBYN HOFFMAN/A&E EDITOR

She had never even thought about it. Her dad had a dream about it. She did it at the urging of her friends. She said herself she wasn't even black. But ultimately it didn't matter.

The moment Binsu Johnny stepped on stage for the Miss Black Southwestern pageant, the reasons she was there were not important anymore. She had a job to do and a goal to obtain—winning the Miss Black Southwestern crown.

And win she did. Binsu became the first Miss Black Southwestern pageant queen in school history. She did not even realize the historical significance until she read it in the newspaper.

"I don't think it hit me until I read the paper that I was making history," Binsu said. "I had never thought about it that way."

And although she had the crown in mind, she never thought she would actually win.

"When they announced it, I was shocked," the queen said. "I really didn't expect to win at all."

Maybe that's because of some of the feedback she received. Binsu said that since she wasn't black, people couldn't understand why she wanted to run in a "black" pageant. It was a common question that she faced.

"Some people were saying 'why would you want to do it, if it's just for black people.'"

But Binsu did not see it that way. She said she entered because it was the only minority pageant around. She pointed out that it wasn't for just black people. She even addressed some of the issues raised about the pageant being discriminatory.

"I'm not black and I got it," Binsu said. "I don't think the pageant was discriminatory. It's only the title of the thing. Its only requirement was that you be a student who goes to school here."

Because the freshman pre-pharmacy major met that requirement, she eventually entered. But the decision did not come that easily. Initially she had qualms about entering because of one of the pageant events. Binsu was unsure she wanted to parade around in a swimsuit during the swimsuit competition.

"At first I wasn't going to enter because of the swimsuit competition," the queen said. "It turned out that throughout

the whole pageant, I began to feel more and more comfortable with myself, and the swimsuit part wasn't that bad."

That comfortable feeling was not enough to calm her nerves when it came time for the interview portion. The morning of the pageant, the contestants met privately with each to answer a question that the individual judge chose to ask. Each question and answer session lasted three minutes. Binsu said she initially was scared, but she thought she did her best.

"The mayor told me that I answered his excellently," she said. "That made me feel really good."

Binsu's nerves were also on end during the part in the pageant where they were judged on projection. This part also involved answering a question, but this time in front of the judges and pageant audience. Binsu was the last to step up to the microphone.

"That made me really nervous," she said. "When I heard everyone else's question, I tried to answer it in my mind."

When it came Binsu's turn, the soon-to-be queen was asked what she would do if she had the power to change one thing in the world.

"I told them would stamp out racism," she said. "If all people were created equally then they should be treated equally. It's something I strongly believe."

Binsu will take this message with her to the Miss Black Oklahoma pageant in June. She said her preparation for the state event will be the same as it was for the local one. She added that the only difference will be the increase in contestants.

But there will be another difference. She will be competing on a different level that will bring her more recognition. It's a perfect opportunity for her to achieve the person she strives to be.

"I hope to be a role model for people," Binsu said. "It may not happen, but that is what I hope to be."

Binsu said her parents support has always helped her achieve her goals, no matter how big. Her dad even knew that she would walk away the victor.

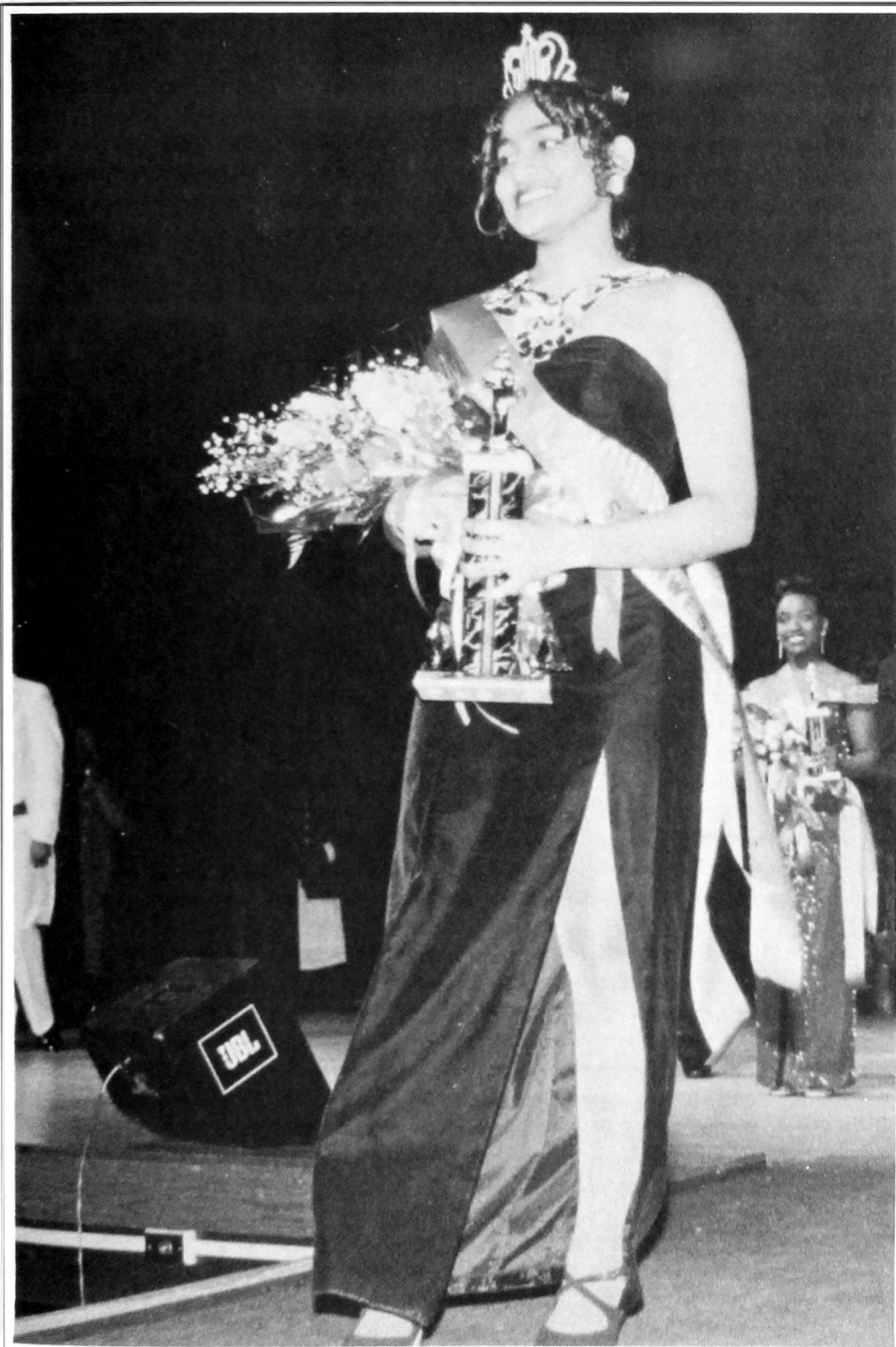
"My dad said he had a dream that I had won, but he didn't want to tell me in case I didn't," she said.

It's a dream that Binsu hopes her dad will again have when the Miss Black Oklahoma pageant rolls around in June.

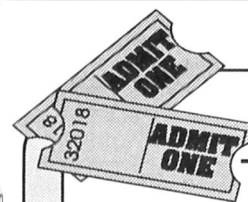
'If all people were created equally then they should be treated equally. It's something I strongly believe.'

—Binsu Johnny
Miss Black Southwestern

ns do come true



Miss Black Southwestern Binsu Johnny takes her victory walk shortly after she was crowned a little over one week ago. Binsu vied for the title against Sharlette Miller, Richelle Dodoo, Vivian Johnson and Cozettee Hinton.



Your Ticket to Entertainment

Tickets are now on sale for the following events:

Oklahoma Beethoven Society Inaugural Festival

Fine Arts Center
SWOSU

April 11-13

\$10, \$8 & \$4/ticket

For ticket info, call 774-3708

Father of the Bride

Southwest Playhouse
Clinton

April 12-14, 8 p.m.

\$8/ticket

For ticket info, call 323-4448

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Oklahoma City

April 28

For ticket info, call 297-3000

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\$37.50, 32.50, \$20 & \$14/ticket

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Myriad
Oklahoma City

May 9, 7:30 p.m.

For ticket info, call 297-3000

Dr. James Breckenridge, music professor and coordinator of the Oklahoma Beethoven Society Inaugural Festival, slips into the role of Beethoven at a piano in his office. The festival will feature world renowned pianists, as well as a vocal tribute to the victims of the the April 1995 bombing tragedy in Oklahoma City.

Role playing

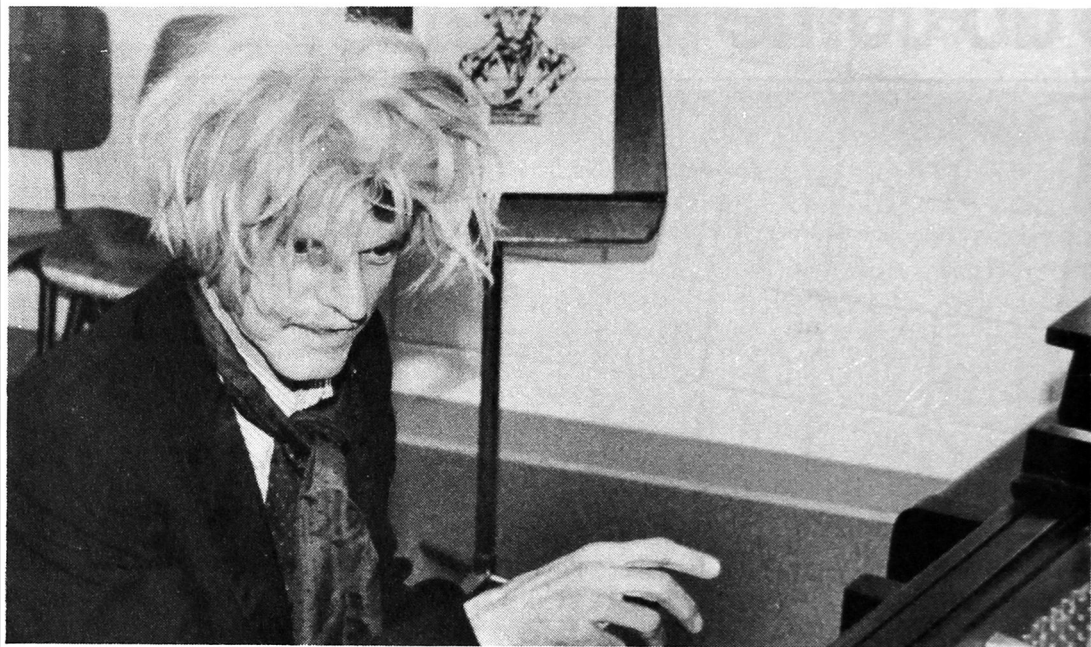


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Inaugural appearance

Beethoven festival to begin three-day run

The Oklahoma Beethoven Society Inaugural Festival will be held tomorrow through Saturday. The festival will feature 19 pianists on seven grand pianos during the three-day festival.

Public performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center.

A student awards festival, internationally-renowned pianists and distinguished guest artist faculty from Illinois, New York, Kansas, Connecticut and Oklahoma will share center stage during the festival. Works by Beethoven and other composers will be featured on seven Steinway grand piano, provided by Gilliam Music of Edmond.

Thursday's afternoon concert will start the festival. Multi-keyboard performances of a *Rondo* by

Smetana and Beethoven's *Fifth Symphony* will highlight the performance, along with a special appearance by the Faculty Brass Trio, consisting of Jay Schale, James South and Robert Chambers.

At Friday evening's concert, internationally-renowned pianist Fernando Lares, a professor at the Eastman School of Music in New York and president of the American Liszt Society, will be guest solo artist in a performance of works by Liszt, Debussy and Chopin. Following the recital, the Beethoven Piano Ensemble will take center stage for a performance of Beethoven's *Fifth Symphony*.

Saturday's performance will feature Austrian pianist Stephen Moeller, who is an artist for the Bosendorfer Piano Company in Vienna, in a performance of

Beethoven's *Waldstein Sonata*. The Beethoven Piano Ensemble will open the concert with Beethoven's *Egmont Overture*. Following Moeller's performance, the ensemble will take the stage, along with the Southwestern Singers, in a performance of Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony*.

Vocal soloists will be soprano Debra Spurgeon,

mezzo-soprano Anne Dawson, tenor Charles Klingman and baritone Andrew Seigrist.

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Review

Smith wows audience, crowd left wanting more

A hole in the stage floor slowly sinks, then amid swirling smoke and a flash of light he appears. Music begins to blare, a video starts to roll and a voice as harsh as thunder begins to sing.

The typical set up for a rock concert? In this case no. The music is the same, but the message entirely different.

Michael W. Smith captivated his audience April 1 at Lloyd Noble Center in Norman. Smith, a contemporary Christian performer, is not your ordinary entertainer. Barely able to speak due to a sore throat, he still mesmerized the audience for over two hours.

For the first 20 minutes, audience members had no time to catch their breath. This highly energetic performer kept them on their feet with such hits as "Picture Perfect" and "Give it Away."

He only let them sit down to play what he called the ultimate April fools joke. He lead the audience to believe Amy Grant was there to perform with him.

Another swirl of smoke and flash of light. A harpsichord appeared on stage. As Smith strolled to the instrument the crowd became silent. Rich ballads and harpsichord solos filled the air. His songs were of compassion and of love for

mankind.

As the audience listened, Smith had another surprise. Shortly before the show he composed a song especially for Oklahoma. He never stated the reasons for the song, but expressed concern for "the tough times Oklahoma has experienced." This was the most touching part of his concert.

As he played, the only sound from the audience was silent admiration. After the tribute, Smith again hit the ground running with such hits as "Cross of Gold," "Lead Me Home" and "Place in This World." Fast paced songs such as these carried on until the end of the performance.

Many people are weary of contemporary Christian music, complaining that the music is "preachy" and not entertaining. The real difference, however is in the audience, not the music. People attend a Michael W. Smith concert to hear music, not for the atmosphere created by the crowd.

Smith proved he is truly an accomplished artist. What sets him apart from other musicians is his ability to touch people's hearts. From beginning to end, he kept the audience wanting more. It was only when the lights came up that people would leave.

—Andrea Hoffman

GRE survivor offers test taking tips, 'C' best answer

(Editor's note: The following is Annette Russi's firsthand account of taking the Graduate Record Examination last semester. Another GRE will be given Saturday.)

By ANNETTE RUSSI/STAFF WRITER

Fill in the oval of the best answer, began the instructions of the seven-section Graduate Record Examination.

I, along with about 50 other people, filled in those little ovals, "A," "B," especially "C," "D," and "E."

We were informed to get to the testing center, the Education building, at 8 a.m. Dec. 9. So at 7:30 a.m., I threw on some sweats, rubbed my tired, half-open eyes and trudged my way to the Education building.

Once there, the test-takers were divided into two groups and two separate rooms. In the rooms, test administrators took over our lives for the next long, mentally draining four hours. My administrator was Chief Don Groth of campus security.

The exam consisted of seven 25-30 question tests to probe mathematical, verbal and analytical abilities of graduate school hopefuls.

At 8 a.m., the abilities that I did possess weren't all that great. In fact, "C" became my "best answer" for several consecutive answers in hopes that the odds of probability

would play in my favor.

Question by question and section by section, I guessed my way through the exam. And I literally mean guessed.

The math—I hadn't attempted since my high school days, roughly 1,469 days ago. For an equation-memorizing math major, these numerical and geometrical monsters may have seemed quite simple; however, for this psychology major, it was quite a different story.

The verbal—well, I'm sure these sections would've been no obstacle if I had taken up the hobby of memorizing Webster's Dictionary at the age of four. On these two verbal sections, I was presented with \$10,000 words for analogy matching and antonym choosing. Reading comprehension was

also placed in these sections. A biological story of bacteria enlightened me on the topic of something-about-hemoglobin and sulfate-something-or-other.

The analytical sections weren't half bad. They simply involved discerning if a choice could or could not be possible given certain stipulations. It was just logical reasoning, and I actually filled in a few "A," "B," "D," and "E" ovals.

Finally, after making dot patterns on a rather large scantron, I was told that my results would be mailed in six weeks.

I left hoping "C" was the right answer.

"I left hoping 'C' was the right answer"

—Annette Russi
GRE survivor

Men finish first, women second in annual home rodeo

By KIM BRITTON/SPORTS REPORTER

The Southwestern Rodeo team will travel to Guymon to compete in the Panhandle State University rodeo April 12-14.

At press time the men's team is ranked number one and the women's team is ranked number two in the Central Plains

Region, which consists of Oklahoma, Kansas, and a small portion of southwest Missouri.

At last weekend's rodeo hosted by Southwestern, the men placed first with 470 points, the highest total of the season.

The women came in second, trailing Fort Scott Community College by only 10 points.

Doug Fennell, a junior from Idabel, placed first in the average in the bareback competition.

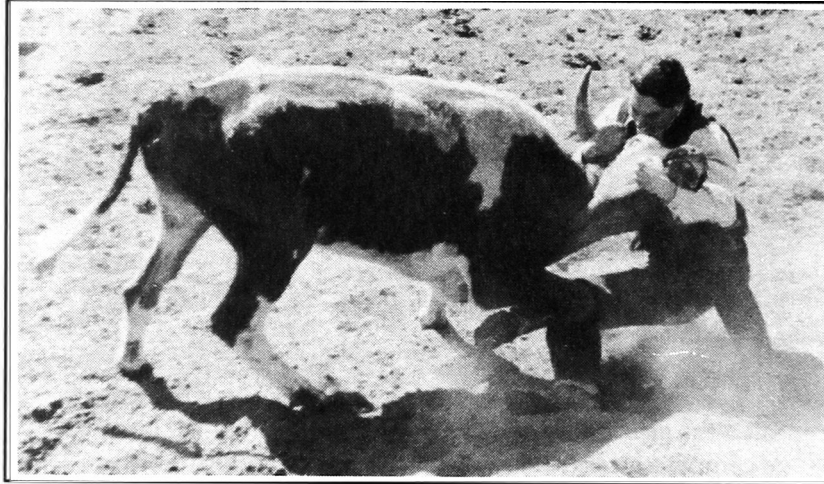
T.W. Snyder, a senior from Medicine Lodge, Kan., placed first in the average in calf roping. Snyder also made it to the short go in steer wrestling and team roping.

In the team roping, Sage Britian, a sophomore from Wynnewood, and his partner D.J. O'Connor, a junior from Perkins, placed fourth in the average. O'Connor also made it to

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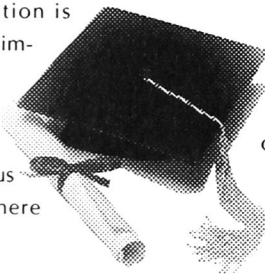
Jeff Jones struggles to a 13.6 timed finish in steer wrestling finals during Southwestern's annual rodeo.

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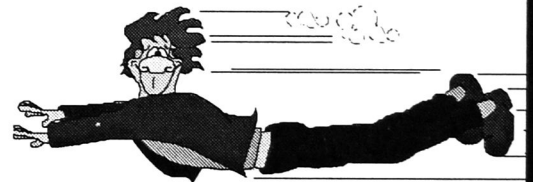
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Women's tennis team slams USAO, 4-0

#1 singles player ups personal record, 9-1

By LESLIE TAYLOR/NEWS EDITOR

The women's tennis team will face off against East Central University tomorrow in the first of two home matches this week. Southern Nazarene University will travel here to play the Lady 'Dawgs Friday.

Two previous duels gave the women both frustration and confidence as the team lost 7-2 against Midwestern University of Texas April 1, but pulled off a 4-0 win against University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma April 4.

Midwestern, nationally ranked in the top 25, beat all of Southwestern's players except #1 singles Vanessa Fiaud and the #1 doubles team, consisting of Fiaud and Elk City native Lisa McNeil.

Coach Kelly Litsch calls Fiaud the "most consistent" player on the team, as she lost only one match this season. Fiaud, with a record of 9-1, made runner-up in the OIC championships last year. The OIC champ hailed from Northwestern, which also boasts the only player to mar Fiaud's record.

The Miswestern matches were held in Lawton, with the doubles' teams resorting to playing pro-8s because of stormy weather.

Lady Bulldog tennis line-up

Singles

#1—Vanessa Fiaud

#2—Lisa McNeil

#3—Lenley Rahhal

#4—Ceann Martinez

#5—Tammy Heath

#6—Suzanne Martinek

#7—Geraldine Everaert

Doubles

#1—Fiaud/McNeil

#2—Rahhal/Martinez

#3—Heath/Martinek

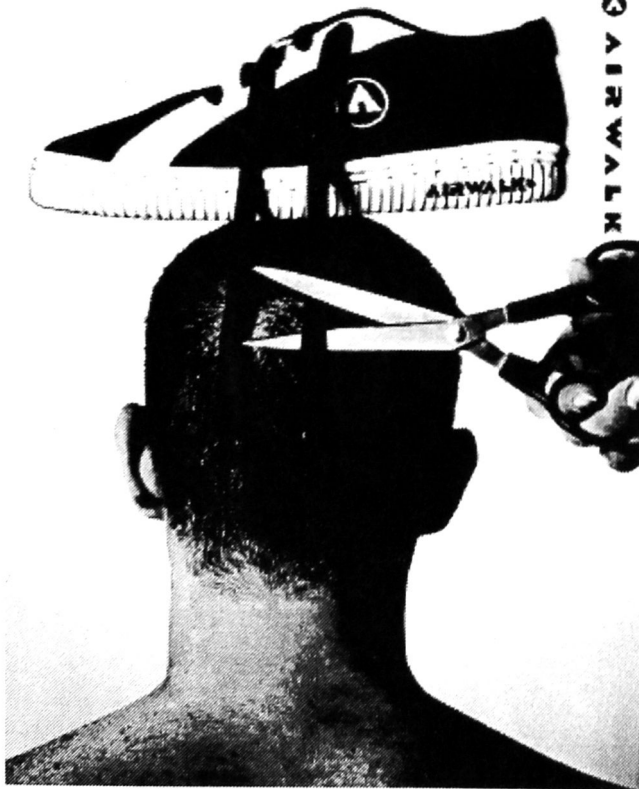
In the USAO match, Southwestern changed its lineup to accommodate their opponent's four-girl team. Lenley Rahhal, Clinton native, usually holds the #3 singles position but was moved up to #1. Ceann Martinez of Beaver, normally #4, moved to #2, and Tammy Heath, #5, played the #3 spot.

Fiaud and McNeil played doubles and lost only one game in their match. The rest of the team pulled 6-0, 6-0 victories.

Litsch said that USAO's team was new, and that accounted for their low number of players. But even with such impressive scores, Litsch said that her team does need to work on their techniques, especially at the net.

"They're not playing as well in doubles as they are in singles," she said. "They need to work on their volleying."

Litsch began the season this spring with three fewer players than last fall. Two former netters dropped out of college, while the third chose not to return to the team.



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Rodeo

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the short go in calf roping. Wes Davis, a senior from Blair, and his partner from Western Oklahoma State placed sixth in the average.

Wes Bailey, a senior from Hamilton, Kan., placed first in the average in the saddlebronc competition. Bailey also made it to the short go in bullriding.

Lee Akin, a senior from Hemet, Calif., placed first in the average in bullriding.

Sonja Coy, a freshman from Hammon, placed first in the average in goat tying.

In barrel racing, Angie West, a sophomore from Newalla, placed third in the average. Lizzy Ehr, a sophomore from Minot, N. D., placed fourth in the average and Toma Snyder, a senior from Medicine Lodge, Kan., placed sixth in the average.

The rodeo team will compete at Garden City Community College April 19-21 and at Fort Hayes State University April 26-28. The Central Plains Regional Finals will be hosted by Northeastern Oklahoma State University May 3-5.

Baseball team 2-3 in last week's games

The baseball team ended up with a 2-3 in this week's round of games.

The Bulldogs have played five series since last Wednesday. They split games against University of Science and Art, defeated Hillsdale Baptist, lost to Mid-America Baptist, whom they defeated earlier in the week, and lost to Oklahoma Baptist.

The scores for the USAO game were an 8-10 loss, and a 23-5 win. Against Hillsdale Baptist, the Bulldogs won 4-0 in both games. OBU took a hard win with close scores of 4-2 and 2-1.

Mid-America Baptist, looking for revenge after two losses to the Bulldogs earlier in the week, defeated the Dawgs 6-3 and 12-11.

Last Saturday in Shawnee the Bulldogs used pitchers Cory Robinson and Brett Reed in the first game with Reed taking his first loss (3-1). Craig Teasley was the catcher for both games. In the second game, Braun Dupy pitched the six inning loss. Also in the second game, Bobby Wechler was the only player to hit a home run.

The Bulldog's current Oklahoma Intercollegiate Record is 5-2, losing one game apiece to USAO and to Southeastern.

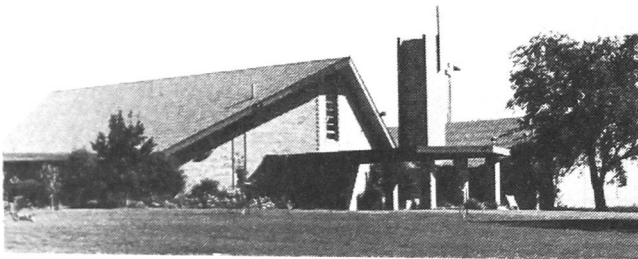
The team will host Oklahoma City University tomorrow at 2 p.m. Then Saturday, they will hit the road to take on the Northeastern Redmen in Talequah.

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Track teams hurdle through UCO

The track teams travelled to the University of Central Oklahoma's track meet last Friday. Next stop: Austin Texas College in Sherman Texas.

The men had two relays place along with several individual placers.

The men's sprint relay, which has already qualified for nationals won the event with a time of 41.89. The men's 800 relay also won first with a 1:29.60. Damon Willis, Jake Jensen, Landon Curtis and Craig Schlessman ran on the relay team.

Willie Brown jumped a 22-11 to take second place in the long jump. Brown also tied with Willis in the 100 with a time of 10.38. Jensen won the 200 with a time of 21.03.

In the women's field events, freshman Chastity Toffleson placed second in the discus. Women's running events were not available at press time.

Men's golf team rated nationally

In the latest rankings of the NAIA national poll, Southwestern men's golf team was rated sixth.

The past two days have been busy ones for the men. Southwestern hosted a golf tournament for 16 teams and four states. Results were not available at press time.

April 15-16 the women will take their turn and host a tournament at Weatherford Country Club golf course also.

April 1-2 the men traveled to Edmond to compete on Kickingbird Golf Course. The team shot a total of 901 and finished third. Cory Smith, Joel Burleson and Cory Reneau filled in the top three positions. Steve Thomas and Shannon Friday tied for the fifth spot.

The next tournament is scheduled April 15-16 at the Lost Creek Golf Course in Weatherford, Texas.



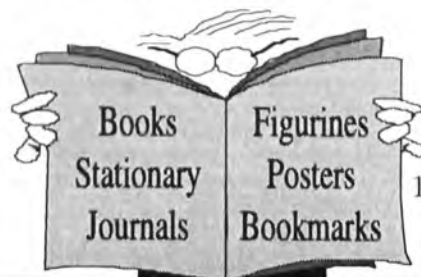
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Track team members Damon Willis, Landon Curtis, Willie Brown, Craig Shlessman and Jake Jensen practice at the Weatherford High School track. Willis, Curtis, Brown and Jensen qualified as a sprint relay team for nationals at the first track meet of the season. They ran a 41.13.

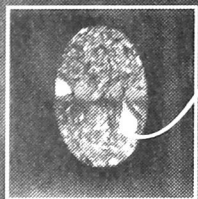


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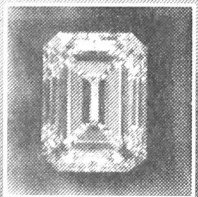
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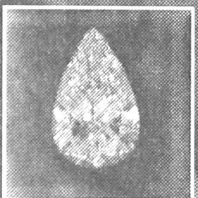
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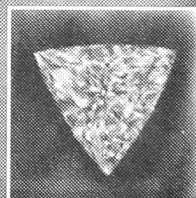
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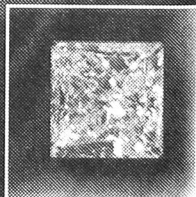
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